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Please **REPLACE** the second paragraph on page 1 with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH** as follows:

The present application is related to: U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 09/525,875 entitled “System and Method For Applying Lottery Multipliers” ~~and~~ filed March 14, 2000 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,969,318 on November 29, 2005; U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 09/052,295 entitled “Methods and Apparatus Wherein a Lottery Entry is Entered Into Lottery Drawings Until the Lottery Entry is Identified as a Winner” ~~and~~ filed March 31, 1998 ~~which~~ and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,086,477 on July 11, 2000; U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 09/107,971 entitled “Method and Apparatus for Facilitating the Play of Fractional Lottery Tickets Utilizing Point-Of-Sale Terminals” ~~and~~ filed June 30, 1998 and now abandoned; U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 09/608,245 entitled “Systems and Methods Wherein a Lottery Number Combination is Associated with a Limited Number of Occurrences” ~~and~~ filed June 30, 2000 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,976 on February 10, 2004; U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 09/274,281 entitled “Method and Apparatus for Providing Cross-Benefits via a Central Authority” ~~and~~ filed March 22, 1999; and U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 09/606,566 entitled “System to Provide Game Play for Products” ~~and~~ filed June 29, 2000 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,443,843 on September 3, 2002. The entire contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.